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ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE  
MOTOR VEHICLE DIVISION  
TITLE SECTION

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# Report of Unclaimed Vehicle

(Complete with typewriter or print)

THIS FORM MAY BE DUPLICATED OR ADDITIONAL COPIES MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE DEPARTMENT WEB SITE  
AT [www.revenue.alabama.gov/motorvehicle/mvforms/mvt38\\_1.pdf](http://www.revenue.alabama.gov/motorvehicle/mvforms/mvt38_1.pdf)

V H I C E I N F O	VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER	YEAR MODEL	MAKE	MODEL	BODY TYPE	COLOR	NO. CYLINDERS
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License plate number \_\_\_\_\_ State of issuance \_\_\_\_\_

Date vehicle came into your firm \_\_\_\_\_

Name and address of firm making report.

NAME OF FIRM

PHYSICAL ADDRESS

MAILING ADDRESS (if different from physical address)

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

( )

TELEPHONE NUMBER

TYPE OF FIRM MAKING REPORT

If vehicle was impounded by or at the direction of a law enforcement agency, list the agency and it's address.

LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY

ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

DEPARTMENT USE ONLY

A printout of the current Alabama title and registration records for the vehicle may be obtained by completing a Request for Motor Vehicle Records form (MV-DPPA1).

I, \_\_\_\_\_, do hereby certify that the vehicle listed above is an unclaimed vehicle as  
PRINTED NAME OF INDIVIDUAL MAKING REPORT  
specified in Section 32-8-84, **Code of Alabama 1975** and this report is being made in compliance with that Section.

SIGNATURE OF INDIVIDUAL MAKING REPORT

DATE

Definition of an unclaimed vehicle and requirements for filing a  
Report of Unclaimed Vehicle appear on the back of this form.

**Section 32-8-84. Reports to department of stolen, converted, recovered and unclaimed vehicles; suspension of registration of stolen or converted vehicles.**

(c) An operator of a place of business for garaging, repairing, parking or storing vehicles for the public, in which a vehicle remains unclaimed for a period of 30 days, shall, within 30 days after the expiration of that period, report the vehicle as unclaimed to the department. Such report shall be on a form prescribed by the department.

A vehicle left by its owner whose name and address are known to the operator or his employee is not considered unclaimed. A person who fails to report a vehicle as unclaimed in accordance with this subsection forfeits all claims and liens for its garaging, repairing, parking or storing and is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than \$100.00.

(d) The department shall maintain and appropriately index weekly cumulative public records of stolen, converted, recovered and unclaimed vehicles reported to it pursuant to this section. The department may make and distribute weekly lists of such vehicles so reported to it to peace officers upon request without fee and to others for the fee, if any, the department prescribes.

**Motor Vehicle Regulation 810-5-50-.32. Report of Unclaimed Vehicle – Where Vehicle is Unclaimed for Longer than Thirty (30) Days (Form MVT 38-1).**

(1) An operator of a place of business for garaging, repairing, parking or storing vehicles for the public, in which a vehicle remains unclaimed for the period designated in Section 32-8-84(c), **Code of Alabama 1975**, and whose owner's name and address are unknown to the operator, shall complete a report of unclaimed vehicle (Form MVT 38-1) and cause such form to be mailed or delivered to the Department within the period established in Section 32-8-84(c), **Code of Alabama 1975**.

(2) The individual completing the report of an unclaimed vehicle (Form MVT 38-1) shall provide the following information on the form: vehicle identification number, make, year, model, body type, color, number of cylinders, date vehicle was left at operator's establishment, name and address of firm making report, type of firm making report, license plate number and state of issuance if available, name of law enforcement agency if impounded by such an agency, and the signature and date of the individual who completes the form.

(3) A certified copy of the Alabama title history including the current Alabama title information for any vehicle reported as unclaimed may be obtained from the Department by completing a Request for Motor Vehicle Records form (MV-DPPA1).